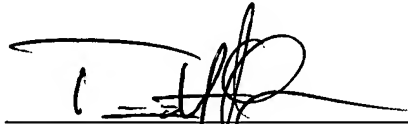


REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment in which the Applicants acknowledge funding.

If, for any reason, the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-720-3500.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Timothy J. Oyer", written over a horizontal line.

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